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**RE: Authorization for Temporary Bypass
 ARCO Environmental Remediation
 Rico Site Assessment
 San Juan County**

Dear Mr. Kelly:

By letter dated June 21, 2001 and received in our office on June 22, 2001, you requested temporary bypass of your uppermost treatment pond (Pond 18). Given the information provided, the Division is granting you this request. We understand that this will be beneficial in trying to ascertain parameters related to potential remediation measures for the St. Louis Ponds site at Rico.

Additionally, you mentioned that Pond 16 will have some pilot scale solids dewatering beds. This has been noted and is acceptable to the Division. If there are any changes or upsets to the treatment system that may impact the Dolores River, it is imperative that WQCD be notified. We appreciate your efforts in working with the Division and look forward to any opportunities we may be of assistance in the future.

Please contact me at (303) 692-3539 if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

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